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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Sentencing Commission Improvements Act”.

SEC. 2. FEDERAL DEFENDER AS A NONVOTING MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES SENTENCING COMMISSION.

(a) In General.—Section 991(a) of title 28, United States Code, is amended—
(1) in the first sentence, by striking “one non-voting member.” and inserting “2 nonvoting members.”; and

(2) in the fifth sentence, by striking “shall be an ex officio, nonvoting member” and inserting “and a Federal Public or Community Defender designated by the Defender Services Advisory Group, shall be ex officio, nonvoting members of the Commission.”.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 235(b)(5) of the Sentencing Reform Act of 1984 (18 U.S.C. 3551 note) is amended, in the last sentence, by striking “nine members, including two ex officio, nonvoting members” and inserting “10 members, including 3 ex officio, non-voting members.”.